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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-18 and 22-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-18 and 22-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DETAILED ACTION

1. An interview was conducted on December 4, 2007 with Mr. Larry Katsoff, Registration Number 54, 209, where the action dated September 19, 2007 was discussed with regard to the 35 USC 103(a) rejection of the claims over prior art Kim(US 2002/0129014) and Kim (US 2003/0208482). Applicant indicated Kim (482) is a direct divisional of Kim (014) and therefore a 103 rejection would be improper. Examiner agrees with Applicant. Examiner indicated that although Kim (014) was cited over claims in the 35 USC 102(b) rejection of the non-final office action (dated June 28, 2006) and over come in a non-final office action (dated April 6, 2007) upon further review and consideration of Kim (014) a non-final office action follows with the claims rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Kim (014). See rejection below.

2. Claims 1-10, 12-18, 22-29 are pending.

3. Regarding claims 22-25, the claims are directed to a computer readable media storing computer executable components of a crawler. Examiner has interpreted computer readable medium as claimed to exclude transmission media, signals, and forms of energy such that the claims fully falls within the statutory class of invention.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

**The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.**

Claim 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 16 recite "or a combination there of ". This is indefinite as what comprises the combination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

5. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-14, 26-29 are rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claims are directed to software per se and functional descriptive material. The computer system is not described in the specification as consisting of only hardware.

Claim 1 is directed to a page index system comprising a page data store ....and a crawler component. Claim 8 is directed to a crawler comprising an input component ..., a parser component ..., a retrieval component and an output component. Claim 26 is directed to a page index system comprising means for incrementally accumulating the reference information..., means for storing ..., means for receiving ..., means for retrieving ..., and means for providing an out

put. The claims are directed to software per se. The claims not contain hardware such as a processor.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10, 12-18, 22-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication Number 2002/0129014 issued to Brian S. Kim ("Kim") and US Patent Application Number 2003/0208482 issued to Brian S. Kim (Kim-482).

**As per claim 1 Kim teaches a page index system (see paragraph 22, a search engine for collecting, storing, and indexing web pages) comprising:**

**a page data store (figure 1, ref:24 (anchor text and link database) that stores reference information associated with a page (keywords) , the reference information is obtained from at least one other page and is accumulated incrementally from each other page as each other page is crawled**

**(paragraph 84 as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page), the reference information comprising descriptive information (paragraph 25, keywords) that is adjacent to anchor text associated with a referencing uniform resource locator that**

**references the page** (paragraph 25 and Figure 1:Reference Number 24 (anchor text and link database) , as indexed database (28) stores keywords, anchor text and URL identification and paragraph 84, as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);

**a crawler component** (fig.1, ref: 12, crawler) **that receives a page** (figure 1, ref:13(web) and paragraph 23, lines 2-3, as crawler retrieves pages from the web ) **retrieves the reference information** (keywords or anchor text ) **associated with the page from the page data store, and provides the page and associated reference information to at least an index building component** (paragraph 23, lines 1-3, paragraph 25 and paragraph 26, Figure 1, Reference Numbers 14 (web page database) ,24 (anchor text and link database ),26 (indexer) as indexer generates an index based on anchor text and parsed keywords from web pages in the web page database).

As per claim 2, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**a web crawler employing the system of claim 1**(paragraphs 23 (crawler (12)).

As per claim 3, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the reference information further comprising anchor text** (paragraph 25, lines 5-7, anchor text).

As per claim 4, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the reference information comprising at least one of a sentence fragment, a sentence, or a paragraph or a combination there of, adjacent to the anchor text** (paragraph 25, keywords and paragraph 84, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page).

As per claim 5, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**an Internet search engine employing the page and the reference information provided by the system of claim 1** (paragraphs 25, search engine and keywords, anchor text).

As per claim 6, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the page data store storing a uniform resource locator that identifies the page, the uniform resource locator further being employed to identify the reference information associated with a particular page** (paragraph 25, lines 2-5, figure 1: ref: 24(link and anchor text database)).

As per claim 7, is rejected based on the same rationale as claim 1.

As per claim 8 Kim teaches a crawler (see paragraph 22, a search engine, crawler for collecting, storing, and indexing web pages)) comprising.

**an input component that receives one or more pages** (paragraph 22, collecting, storing, and indexing web pages);

**a parser component that parses the one or more pages for another page referenced on the one or more pages (paragraph 25 , parsing keywords, extracting links and anchor text, anchor text and link database and index ), and accumulatively stores the reference information associated with the another page in the page data store , the reference information comprising descriptive information that is in the proximity to the anchor text associated with the referencing uniform resource locator that references the another page (paragraph 84 as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);**

**a retrieval component that receives the another page and retrieves the reference information associated with the another page from the page data store (paragraph 84, as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);**

**an output component that provides an output comprising the page merged with the reference information associated with the page (fig.4, ref.46, merger module).**

As per claim 9, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**a page indexing system comprising the crawler of claim 8 (figure 1, ref: 12 (crawler) paragraphs 23, search engine, crawler, paragraph 25 (indexing).**



As per claim 10, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**further comprising the page data store** (figure 1: Reference Number 24, anchor and link database).

As per claim 12, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the page data store storing a uniform resource locator that identifies a particular page, the uniform resource locator further employed to identify the reference information associated with a particular page** (paragraph 25, lines 2-5, anchor and link database).

As per claim 13, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the reference information further comprising anchor text** (paragraph 25, lines 5-7, anchor text).

As per claim 14, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the reference information comprising at least one of a sentence fragment, a sentence, or a paragraph, or a combination thereof, in proximity to the anchor text** at paragraph 84 as includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page.

As per claim 15 Kim teaches a method facilitating page indexing (see paragraph 22, a search engine for collecting, storing, and indexing web pages) comprising:

**retrieving reference information associated with the page from at least one other page (paragraph 25 keywords) the reference information comprising descriptive information that is in proximity to anchor text associated with the referencing uniform resource locator that references the page**

(paragraph 84 as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);

**incrementally accumulating the reference information from each other page as each other page is crawled** (paragraph 84 as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);

**merging the page with the reference information and providing an output comprising the page merged with the reference information associated with the page to at least an index building system** (paragraph 25, indexer and fig.1, ref. 26 (indexer) and 28 (indexed database)).

As per claim 16, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:  
at least one of the following:

**receiving a request for retrieving the page, retrieving the page, storing reference information associated with a uniform resource locator on the**

**page** (paragraph 25, Figure 1: Reference Number 24 (link and anchor text database)).

As per claim 17, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**retrieval of the reference information associated with the page being based, at least in part, upon a uniform resource locator identifying the page** (paragraph 25, lines 2-5 and link and anchor database).

Claim 18 is rejected based on the same rationale as claim 15.

As per claim 22 Kim teaches one or more computer readable media storing **computer executable components of a crawler** (see paragraph 22, a search engine, crawler for collecting, storing, and indexing web pages) comprising:

**an input component that receives one or more pages** (paragraph 22, collecting, storing, and indexing web pages);

**a parser component that parses the one or more pages for another page referenced on the one or more pages** (paragraph 25 , parsing keywords, extracting links and anchor text, anchor text and link database and index ), **incrementally accumulative reference information associated with the another page ....stores...in the page data store , the reference information**

**comprising descriptive information that is in the proximity to the anchor text associated with the referencing uniform resource locator that references the another page** (paragraph 84 as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page)

**a retrieval component that receives the another page and retrieves the reference information associated with the another page from the page data store** (paragraph 84, as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);

**an output component that provides an output comprising the page merged with the reference information associated with the page** (paragraph 25, indexer and fig.1, ref. 26 (indexer) and 28 (indexed database)).

As per claim 23, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the page data store storing a uniform resource locator that identifies a page, the uniform resource locator further being employed to identify the reference information associated with the another page** (paragraph 25, lines 2-5, figure 1: ref. 24(link and anchor text database)).

As per claim 24, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**reference information comprising anchor text** (paragraph 25, lines 5-7, anchor text).

As per claim 25, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**reference information comprising at least one of a sentence fragment, a sentence, or paragraph or a combination thereof, in proximity to the anchor text** (paragraph 25, keywords and paragraph 84, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page).

As per claim 26 Kim teaches:

**means for retrieving reference information associated with the page from at least one other page** (paragraph 25 keywords);

**means for incrementally accumulating the reference information from each other page as each other page is crawled** (paragraph 84 as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);

**means for storing the reference information ,the reference information comprising descriptive information** (paragraph 25, keywords) **that is adjacent to anchor text associated with a referencing uniform resource locator that references the page** (paragraph 25 and Figure 1:Reference

Number 24 (anchor text and link database) , as indexed database (28) stores keywords, anchor text and URL identification and paragraph 84, as indexed database stores a set of records each of which includes the URL identification number, anchor text of the inbound link, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page);

**means for receiving a page** (paragraph 22, collecting webpages);

**means for retrieving reference information associated with the page from**

**means for storing reference information** (paragraph 25 (anchor text, links, and keywords) ;

**means for providing an output, to at least an index building system, the output comprising the page merged with the reference information**

**associated with the** (paragraph 25, indexer and fig.1, ref. 26 (indexer) and 28 (indexed database).

As per claim 27, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**means for storing the reference information further storing a uniform resource locator identifying a page, the uniform resource locator further being employed to identify the reference information associated with a particular page** (paragraph 25, lines 2-5, figure 1: ref: 24(link and anchor text database).

As per claim 28, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:

**the reference information comprising anchor text** (paragraph 25, lines 5-7, anchor text).

As per claim 29, same as claim arguments above and Kim teaches:


**the reference information comprising at least one of a sentence fragment, a sentence or paragraph or combination thereof in proximity to the anchor text** (at paragraph 20, as anchor text that appear on links pointing to the page, or even text surrounding the anchor text and assumed to be reference in the pointed to page, paragraph 25, keywords and paragraph 84, text related to the anchor text in the URL of the page).

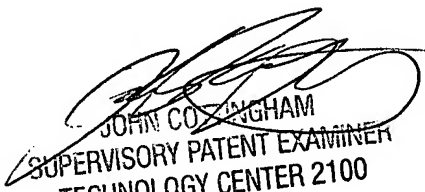
### ***Contact Information***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan F. Rayyan whose telephone number is 571-272-1675. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on 571-272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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